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PART 1 -- GENERAL

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PART 2 -- PERSONNEL

201. CLARIFICATION ON ISSUE OF DD FORM 2A (RES).

REFERENCE - A. ARNG MSG #79-31, PART 1, DTD 25 OCT 79  
B. AR 606-5, DTD 15 FEB 67

Existing stock of unissued DD Form 2A (RES), Dtd 1 Mar 79, should not be issued to ARNG members. They should be destroyed and a certificate of destruction prepared accordingly. Only DD Form 2A (RES), dtd 1 May 79, should be issued to new ARNG members and/or used as replacement issues in complying with Section IV and V or Ref B.

PART 3 -- OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

301. AUGMENTATION OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER EDUCATION SYSTEM (RC NCOES). a. National Guard Bureau has authorized ten (10) enlisted positions to augment the MT ARNG RC NCOES.

b. These positions will be assigned to Command & Control Headquarters and attached to the Montana Military Academy.

c. Application procedures for new positions.

1. Each prospective NCO or Specialist must complete an application form and submit thru channels to the following address prior to 31 December 1979.

Department of Military Affairs  
ATTN: POT-S (Major Prendergast)  
P.O. Box 4789  
Helena, Montana 59601

2. A copy of the application and a list of the positions has been mailed to eligible individuals homes and to each unit.

d. Any questions on these new positions please contact the following individuals Major John E. Prendergast - 449-2973/2974/2744 or CSM Stanley C. Oelkers - 449-2780.

PART 4 -- SUPPLY

401. FOOD SERVICE, BASIC DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE. a. The BDFA for the month of December 1979 is changed to \$3.33.

b. The maximum authorized meal purchase rates per person per day based on the BDFA are as follows.

(1) Meals served in mess halls or armories (non-commissary purchases)  
(BFDA plus 50%)

Breakfast	\$1.00
Lunch	\$2.00
Dinner	<u>\$2.00</u>
	\$5.00 DAY TOTAL

(2) Commercially prepared meals served by Contractors (enlisted personnel only) (BFDA X 3)

Breakfast	\$2.00
Lunch	\$4.00
Dinner	<u>\$4.00</u>
	\$10.00 DAY TOTAL

c. No officers may be subsisted by a Contractor at Government expense. Authorized civilians in a per diem status must also purchase meals from other than government sources.

402. ARMY BLACK WINDBREAKER.

REFERENCES - CHAPTER 2, AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniform and Insignia, 15 Feb 79.

a. The Army recently adopted a new black windbreaker for optional purchase and wear by male and female soldiers. The new windbreaker is expected to be available for initial sale in post exchanges during 3D QTR, FY 80.

b. Information has been received by this headquarters that the Navy Windbreaker (navy blue shade) is being worn by some US Army personnel with the army uniform. The Navy Windbreaker is different in material, shade, and length than the new Army Windbreaker, and does not conform with Army Uniform Quality Control Procedures prescribed in Reference A. Accordingly, the Navy Windbreaker is not, repeat, is not authorized for wear with the Army uniform.

PART 5 -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

501. DETERMINING CREDITABLE ACTIVE ENLISTED SERVICE. a. In crediting active enlisted service for special grades 01-E, 02-E, and 03-E, reference should be made to the Department of Defense Military Pay and Allowances Entitlements Manual, paragraph 10105, and 38 Comp. Gen. 68, which provide that active enlisted service includes active duty training (ADT), fulltime training duty (FTTD), annual training (AT), and training at service schools as a member of any Reserve Component.

b. Some officers in pay grades 01 through 03 have been improperly denied this additional service credit for pay purposes. DD Forms 214 (Report of Separation From Active Duty) and/or NGB Forms 22 (Record of Separation and Record of Service) are not the sole means of verifying creditable active service.

c. In reviewing questionable service, documents which authenticate that the individual served as an enlisted member of a Reserve Component should be used in addition to the active duty shown on a DD Form 214 or NGB Form 22.



502. W-2's WILL BE OUT IN LATE JANUARY. a. This year's Internal Revenue Service Forms W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) for military members will be issued at the end of January 1980. This is a change from last year when Forms W-2 were issued at the end of December.

b. Many payments and changes are made late in December and cannot be recorded before the end of the month. Therefore, sending the forms out in January will allow for these changes to be made and will cut down on the number of corrected W-2's that must be issued.

c. Although you can figure your taxes using the cumulative figures on your December leave and earnings statement (LES), you must wait until you get your Form W-2 to file your income tax return.

d. So look for your Form W-2 late in January and prepare to file your 1979 tax return then.

#### PART 6 -- MAINTENANCE

601. MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES. a. During the past year, an increasing number of citizen complaints concerning government vehicle misuse have been received by the Army. These incidents involve General Services Administration (GSA) vehicles, operated by army personnel, as well as army vehicles. The tone of these complaints makes it apparent that public concern over fuel conservation and the spending of their tax dollars is growing.

b. Government vehicles are to be used for official purposes only. Using government vehicles for transportation between home and place of duty, or any other personal use, is not authorized. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Secretary of the Army, as outlined in 31 U.S.C. 638(C)(2) and AR 58-1. Additionally, state and local traffic laws must be observed. Government employees are personally responsible for fines and other penalties incurred as a result of violations of such laws.

c. It is essential that all vehicle operators understand the highly visible environment in which government vehicles are operated and the need for strict compliance with laws and regulations. If the Army is to receive support from the taxpayers, it must show itself deserving of that support. Command policies and procedures are to be reviewed to ensure that they are adequate to deal with the situation and that they are enforced.

602. ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS. a. Keep tire pressure up. If your tires are under inflated, figure on a 5 percent reduction in your gas mileage. You can save 1 gallon of fuel out of every 20 if you keep your tires to the recommended maximum. Over inflated tires cause rapid wear, provide less road contact and are a safety hazard. Tire pressure should be checked at least once a month. It only takes a minute to save a lot. Do it today.

b. Avoid unnecessary idling. Every two minutes of idling is a mile of driving wasted. It takes less gas to restart your car after your engine has warmed than to idle it for more than a minute. WOW! Think of the wasted fuel at railroad crossings, drive-in facilities and when your waiting for someone. Join the crunch save a bunch. Turn it off.

603. MATERIAL READINESS REPORTING (DA FORM 2406). a. Reference letter, NG-SMO, para 3a, 19 Nov 79, subject: Material Readiness Reporting (DA Form 2406).

b. The julian date quoted in message, NGB-ARL-M, is in error. The dates to be entered in Block 1 will be Julian date 9259 (instead of 9244) (16 Sep 79) to 9349 (15 Dec 79). All other information remains the same.

#### PART 7 -- SAFETY

701. PLASTIC BUTANE LIGHTERS. One private company experienced two deaths in a 30 day period resulting from plastic butane lighters in welding shops. One resulted when a slag spark from a burning operation flew into a man's pocket, burned through the lighter and exploded causing instant death. The other occurred when a welding spark burned through a man's pants pocket causing the lighter to explode. The man's leg was amputated and he died 3 days later. Request this information be provided all personnel.

702. TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS. a. Now that the fall/winter season has arrived and darkness comes earlier, more of our driving is done after dark. We must our speed and be sure our lights are clean and working properly. We cannot avoid danger if we do not see it. We should also be alert for the hazard of wet or icy road surfaces.

b. Problems of early morning are also to be reckoned with. Cooler night time temperatures may produce heavy dew or frost on car windshields. Be sure the frost and dew is cleared from your windshield before starting to drive in the morning in order to give maximum visibility.

#### PART 8 -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY

801. ENERGY. a. Buildings are the silent consumers of energy. This unobtrusiveness belies their considerable energy consumption. Based on a breakdown of the total gross energy use in the United States, approximately 35 percent of an average community's energy consumption may be attributed to buildings. This figure includes interior lighting, space heating and cooling, water heating, and other direct heat for food preparation, and the operation of elevators and other building equipment.

b. Faced with this consumption picture in buildings it only follows that efforts to conserve the energy used by buildings must contribute significantly to an overall energy conservation program for the nation.

c. The greatest barrier to energy conservation in buildings is not a lack of energy conservation ideas. Instead, energy conservation efforts frequently falter because:

1. They lack the proper organization and comprehensive participation by all affected groups, and;
2. They follow no particular plan or methodology to systematically select the best possible energy conservation programs.

d. As with all other aspects of energy conservation, effective reduction of energy use by buildings does not "happen" -- it must be systematically carried out in an organized and planned fashion. (Dept of Energy-Montana).

REMINDER

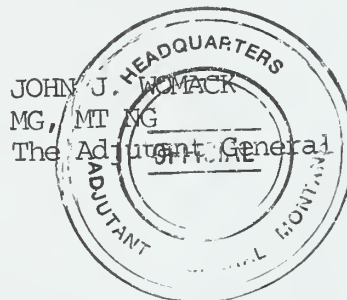
1. No heating to raise temperature above 65°
2. No cooling to lower temperature below 78°
3. Heating system not operated during un-occupied periods when outdoor temperature is above 50°, or should set thermostat at 55° or lowest set point.

802. HOUSEKEEPING. During the recent visits to each facility throughout the state by the Facilities Management Office, it was noted that there was a marked improvement in the housekeeping, cleanliness, and general orderliness of the armory and shop facilities. Commanders, AST's, Shop Chiefs, and all other responsible persons are to be commended for this. It reflects a "pride of unit" spirit. As explained by the Facilities Officer, we shall give the buildings a fresh coat of paint this spring, as well as erecting unit designation signs.

803. STAINLESS STEEL SINKS. We have recently acquired three stainless steel sinks in good condition from another state agency, which may be used as a replacement for the present galvanized sinks at several of the armories. The sizes of the sinks are:

87" x 27", 3 compartment, without drainboard  
96" x 25", 2 compartment, with removable type drainboards

If anyone is interested in the above, they should contact COL Keim. Funds will be made available for "hook-up".





## PART 9 -- UNOFFICIAL

902. MT ARNG STRENGTH AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 1979.

UNIT	AUTHORIZED				OFF	WO	EM/EW	ING	AGGR
	OFF	WO	EM, EW	AGGR					
SHHD	43	9	39	91	53	10	66	3	132
HHT(-) 163d	28	3	118	149	27	2	90	9	128
Air Trp(-)	15	23	114	152	16	24	73	11	124
Det 1 Air Trp	1	8	48	57	4	6	43	2	55
3669th Maint Co	6	8	156	170	3	7	128	2	140
103d PA Det	4	0	9	13	4	0	11	0	15
Det 1 HHT 163d	4	24	56	84	8	16	58	0	82
1049th Engr Plt	1	0	23	24	1	0	18	0	19
HHT(-) 1/163d	14	4	119	137	14	4	89	0	107
Det 1 HHT 1/163d	2	0	50	52	1	0	32	0	33
Trp A(-)	3	0	74	77	2	0	50	0	52
Det 1 Trp A	2	0	71	73	2	0	32	4	38
Trp B(-)	2	0	43	45	2	0	25	0	27
Det 1 Trp B	1	0	54	55	1	0	37	0	38
Det 2 Trp B	2	0	48	50	2	0	30	0	32
Trp C(-)	3	0	74	77	4	0	68	2	74
Det 1 Trp C	2	0	71	73	2	0	27	0	29
Co D(-)	3	0	47	50	3	0	31	0	34
Det 1 Co D	2	0	40	42	2	0	35	1	38
How Btry(-) 1/163d	6	0	52	58	5	0	40	0	45
Det 1 How Btry	2	0	67	69	2	0	40	1	43
HHT(-) 2/163d	14	4	119	137	14	3	95	4	119
Det 1 HHT 2/163d	2	0	50	52	1	0	44	1	46
Trp E(-)	3	0	74	77	3	0	61	2	66
Det 1 Trp E	2	0	71	73	2	0	40	0	42
Trp F(-)	3	0	74	77	4	0	62	1	67
Det 1 Trp F	2	0	71	73	2	0	52	0	54
Trp G(-)	3	0	74	77	5	0	62	1	68
Det 1 Trp G	2	0	71	73	3	0	60	2	65
Co H(-)	3	0	47	50	4	0	36	0	40
How Btry 2/163d	8	0	119	127	5	0	86	2	93
Det 1 Co H	2	0	40	42	3	0	27	0	30
CAC HQ	7	0	55	62	9	0	30	1	40
1063d Engr Co(-)	3	0	63	66	2	0	32	6	40
Det 1 1063d Engr	2	1	58	61	2	0	17	2	21
Det 2 1063d Engr	2	0	56	58	1	0	9	0	10
TOTALS	204	84	2415	2703	221	72	1736	57	2086